## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claim 1 has been changed and now calls for the field oxide to be thicker than the gate oxide. Such feature is not shown by Bulucea et al. Thus, claim 1 is believed to be novel over the same. Entry of the amendment is requested.

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